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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.25 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF
THE MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett MBE (Chair), Anne Bamford, C Fleury, D James, D Eccles,
C Bray, B Hobbs, M Wheeler, G Cameron and A Harris,

IW Councillor J Medland

Members of the public: 1

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES.

T Nicholson, V Lowthion and B Hinton.

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETINGS HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2017 AND 3RD JANUARY 2018.**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 5th December 2017 and 3rd January 2018 (having been circulated) were approved (CB/CF and CB/GC respectively).

**3. TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON
THE AGENDA.**

None.

**4. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES).**

There were no questions.

**5. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY
CLLRS/QUESTION AND UPDATE SESSION (UP TO 15 MINUTES FROM BOTH
CLLRS).**

Written reports were received from both councillors.

In respect of the 50th anniversary of the IW Festivals Cllr Wheeler said that so far as an anniversary for the festivals was concerned it should be in Freshwater not in Yarmouth. Cllr Medland will take this back to the Tapnell Farm committee.

Cllr Medland referred to the parking proposals for Freshwater Bay and there was some discussion as to what was required.

Cllr Wheeler mentioned that the Hooke Trail board at Golden Hill had rotted away and the Hooke Society would be notified about this.

6. CLERKS REPORT –CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

Moa Place Public Conveniences

There had been a blockage on 18th December which could not be remedied by the toilet cleaner. Dares were called and cured the problem quickly at a cost of £75 plus VAT. The Handyman had also put a handle on the ladies' exterior door (requested by the cleaner).

Spinfish

The Clerk will be obtaining quotations for repairs to surface of the road following inspection with Chair of Land Management. Also a tree branch by the property Spinfish was to be removed at the request of the residents.

Benches at the Cycleway

Permission was eventually given for the installation of new benches by Island Roads and Isle of Wight Council. However, IWC requested an agreement which was determinable at any time. Shortly thereafter Island Roads removed the 2 dangerous benches from the roundabout by the old Co-op site. They had indicated that they may be able to replace them with 2 new benches on the sites requested at the cycleway.

Just Ask Officer

Appraisal carried out by Chair and Clerk on 12th January.
Melanie will be starting her additional hours at the Parish Office with effect from 18th January.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets Freshwater) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2017

Formal objection sent to IWC on 5th January requesting response by 16th January. Other objections from residents have also been forwarded. The Clerk spoke with Isle of Wight radio regarding this matter on 12th January.

Isle of Wight Council budget consultation

The Clerk attended the Isle of Wight Council budget consultation meeting on 15th January. He gave a summary of discussions. Cllrs felt that they should pursue the issue of taking over Avenue Road car park.

Trees

Our contractors are being asked to look at trees in Queens Road which may need to be cut back to ensure that the Parish Council's obligations under the Highway Act are being met.

SSE

Have notified the Parish Council re the renewal of a pole close to the Old Ambulance Station. The work is due to take place on Sunday 28th January. Residents affected will be notified.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

8. TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – LIST CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION.

The following payments were approved:

28/11/2017	Debit Card	Nest	Pension	√	53.64
30/11/2017	Debit Card	Lights4Fun	Events; Christmas Lighting	√	142.89

07/12/2017	Debit Card	Dropbox	Admin; Backup	√	7.99
20/12/2017	Debit Card	Nest	Pension	√	48.71
04/01/2018	Debit Card	eBay	Admin; Badge Holders		23.25
05/01/2018	Debit Card	Currys	Equipment		69.99
03/12/2017	Direct Debit	Corona Energy	Moa Place; Electricity 1/10-31/10	√	31.53
03/12/2017	Direct Debit	Corona Energy	Gate Lane; Electricity 1/10-31/10	√	12.97
15/12/2017	Direct Debit	Business Stream Allotments	Allotments; Water	√	66.30
15/12/2017	Direct Debit	Southern Electric	Library; Gas 7/11-6/12/17	√	93.86
21/12/2017	Direct Debit	Business Stream Avenues	Avenues; Water 15/9-6/12/17	√	25.71
27/12/2017	Direct Debit	Corona Energy	Gate Lane; Electricity 1/11-30/11/17	√	13.11
27/12/2017	Direct Debit	Corona Energy	Moa Place; Electricity 1/11-30/11/17	√	34.80
27/12/2017	Direct Debit	Corona Energy	Library; Electricity 1/11-30/11/17	√	122.02
01/01/2018	Direct Debit	IW Council	2017/18 Rates Avenues	√	163.00
01/01/2018	Direct Debit	IW Council	2017/18 Rates Gate Lane	√	184.00
01/01/2018	Direct Debit	IW Council	2017/18 Rates Library	√	513.00
01/01/2018	Direct Debit	IW Council	2017/18 Rates Moa Place	√	182.00
04/01/2018	Debit	BT	Admin; Telephone & Broadband	√	206.32
05/12/2017	Online	MHALCo	Community Grant Ratified 07112017	√	200.00
08/12/2017	Online	MHALCo	Admin; Office Rent December	√	847.08
12/12/2017	Online	Clifford Matthews	Avenue Road; Planters & Signage	√	2,010.00
14/12/2017	Online	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilets; Cleaning & Maintenance	√	829.14
15/12/2017	Online	Lushington Garden Buildings	Avenue Road; Royal Park Bench	√	745.00
15/12/2017	Online	SMC Bookkeeping Services	Bookkeeping November	√	312.00
22/12/2017	Online	December Salaries	December Salaries	√	3,607.81
02/01/2018	Online	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilets; Cleaning & Maintenance	√	829.14
02/01/2018	Online	SMC Bookkeeping Services	Bookkeeping December	√	177.99
02/01/2018	Online	Business Stream Moa Place	Moa Place; Water 8/9 - 14/12/17	√	154.09
05/12/2017	100255	Totland Parish Council	Community Grant Ratified 07112017		150.00
19/12/2017	100256	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Land; Maintenance		1,391.50
19/12/2017	100257	Business Supplies Group	Admin; Stationery & Equipment	√	213.37
19/12/2017	100259	Eagle Eye Environmental	Library; Phase 2 Survey	√	648.00
19/12/2017	100260	Mark Adams Maintenance	Maintenance	√	1,094.73
19/12/2017	100261	RVN Building Supplies	Library Works; Materials	√	55.12
19/12/2017	100262	Wayne Isaacson	Tree Advice T348 T346	√	375.00
19/12/2017	100263	Lamps & Tubes	Events; Christmas Trees & Lighting	√	123.60
19/12/2017	100264	WWS&CCT	MUGA; Lighting		29.63
19/12/2017	100265	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Avenue Road; Flowering Cherry		165.60
25 Nov 17 - 5 Jan 18					<u>£15,953.89</u>
New Payments and Cheques for Issue 16/1/18					
05/01/2018	Debit Card	Business Stream Moa Place	Moa Place; Meter Survey		115.50
15/01/2018	Direct Debit	Business Stream Allotments	Allotments; Water		66.30
22/01/2018	Direct	ICO	Subs; Data Protection Registration		35.00

Debit				
15/01/2018	Online	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Oct-Dec 17	2,061.09
16/01/2018	100266	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Land; Maintenance	1,199.50
16/01/2018	100267	Business Supplies Group	Equipment; Guillotine	150.17
16/01/2018	100268	Groundsell Contracting	Avenue Road; Planting	1,887.60
16/01/2018	100269	IW Council	Library; Building Reg Inspection	186.00
16/01/2018	100270	R Rice Electrical	Library Works; Electrics	410.00
16/01/2018	100271	RC Orchard Limited	Library Works; Budget Estimate	600.00
16/01/2018	100272	Robert Allen	Asset Management	123.75
16/01/2018	100273	RVN Building Supplies	Library Works; Materials	7.74
16/01/2018	100274	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd	Skatepark; Refuse Sacks	11.90
16/01/2018	100275	Mark Adams Maintenance	Maintenance	226.17
16/01/2018	100276	Jane & David Lewis	Land; Trough Planting	43.98
				£7,124.70

9. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT 2018/2019 BUDGET (FINAL DECISIONS ON BUDGET/PRECEPT TO BE MADE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING).

No amendments were proposed.

10. TO CONSIDER FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON 24TH JANUARY 2018.

The Chair proposed that this be an informal arrangement. As well as the budget it could include car parks and the Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan referendum. It should be as interactive as possible. Tea, coffee and biscuits would be available. There was a suggestion that the consultation day should be in the summer but it was felt that this had not been successful when tried before.

Cllr Fleury said that he had had no comments on the budget. Cllr Hobbs said that the only feedback which she had was that she had been surprised by the amount of services provided by the Parish Council.

The Chair said that Survey Monkey had been a success.

11. SPINFISH LANE – CONSIDERATION OF CONDITION OF SURFACE AND REPAIRS REQUIRED.

Councillors referred to photographs of the area. It was felt that work should not be done before the Spring.

Cllr Eccles volunteered to assist with the project.

12. ALLOTMENTS – TO CONSIDER THE OFFER OF ADDITIONAL LAND.

Councillors looked at a plan of the area in question. It was noted that costs would need to be incurred in providing the access to the site. It was **resolved** to investigate this further and to feed back to BJM Land Management the outcome of the discussion at the Parish Council meeting.

13. MEMORIAL HALL – REPORT ON SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY ERM ARCHITECTURE.

Cllr Bamford referred to the asset manager's report which had been circulated. It was helpful now to have a 5 year plan. It was reassuring that no major problems had been identified. The question of resurfacing the car park would be looked into.

14. CHRISTMAS “WASH UP” AND FINAL COSTS.

Cllr Fleury referred to the financial summary which had been circulated. The project had kept within budget. There were lights which had not been used but these would be used at the Memorial Hall next year. The possibility of getting lights on offer at this time of the year would be investigated.

15. HANGING BASKETS/PLANTERS – TO CONSIDER PROVIDING HANGING BASKETS IN AVENUE ROAD FRESHWATER.

Cllr Wheeler said that originally 7 hanging baskets had been envisaged but it had now been established that it was only possible for 6. It was envisaged that watering would be by weekly top up. Soil, plants and maintenance would be additional costs. Cllr Wheeler was hoping for help from the florist’s shop. He also hoped that the village gardener idea might proceed.

The project was **agreed**.

It was hoped that sponsorship might be sought in future.

THAT UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, THE PUBLIC AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS AND BROADCAST MEDIA BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS AS PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.

16. TO CO-OPT A COUNCILLOR. TO FILL THE VACANCY ON FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL.

Heather White was co-opted as a member of Freshwater Parish Council.

17. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMITTEES.

Cllr Fleury said that the sponsored climb at the West Wight Sports & Community Centre raised £2909.18. Half would go to the Centre and the other half to Uzima.

Cllr Bray said that there would be a road closure in Queens Road for the felling of a parish tree on 7th/8th February. The Sports Centre and the Health Centre would be informed.

18. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

The chair mentioned the sun disk which had been given to the parish. Suggestions for where his was going to be located included Moa Place, School Green park, The Stroud and the library. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.